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If you have the will to win, you have achieved half your success; if you don't, you have achieved half your failure.

David Ambrose.



Mike Gwartney named new
Department of Administration
Director

Governor "Butch" Otter named Mike Gwartney Director of the Idaho Department of Administration in June 2007, after he successfully headed-up the Governor's transition team.

Mr. Gwartney serves as President of Political Consulting, Ltd., and prior to working for the Governor he was Chairman and Chief Executive of Farmers and Merchants State Bank, and Vice President of Human Resources for Boise Cascade Corporation.

He has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors for The Regence Blue Shield of Idaho, where he has been a member since 1987. Mr. Gwartney is a member of the Boise YMCA Endowment Committee, member of the Boise Chamber of Commerce task force on insurance for small businesses, and former member of the board for YMCA of Boise and the Idaho Heart Association. He was also former Chairman of UWC, a lobbying group in Washington DC. He served in the Idaho House of Representatives from 1976 until 1982.

Mr. Gwartney holds a bachelor's degree in Finance from the University of Idaho. He is married to Tore Beal Gwartney, and together they have five children.

*Training
Highlights ...*

The next NIGP Workshop, Preparing for the CPPB and CPPO Exams, "A Review" has been scheduled. 2 days, June 26 & 27, 2007. Please register ASAP. Visit our website at www.adm.idaho.gov/purchasing and click on the link to State Buyer Training to register or send an e mail to pearl.smith@adm.idaho.gov for additional information.

PURCHASING WORKSHOP'S

A Purchasing Workshop for Northern Idaho will be held in Lewiston at LCSC. It is scheduled for July 18, 2007 – 9:am – 12:00 noon.

Eastern Idaho Purchasing Workshops will be held in two (2) locations on the following dates;

July 25, 2007 in Twin Falls at Region 5 Health District and,

July 26, 2007 at ISU, in Pocatello.

Tentative agenda will include a presentation by Mark Little on the Procurement Process and some time saving tips.

Gem State Paper and Supply (current Statewide Contractor for Paper, Plastics, Plastic Bags, Cleaning Supplies and Equipment).

OTHER SEMINAR/TRAINING WORKSHOP'S

The Division of Purchasing will be offering the basic purchasing class; "Introduction to Public Purchasing" in Boise on July 12, 2007. Classes will also be held in Twin Falls, Idaho Falls, and CDA.

Visit our website for additional information and training dates. Other classes being offered are; Writing Effective Specifications and Developing a Request for Proposal, (RFP).

The Introduction to Idaho Public Purchasing seminar will present an overview of public purchasing basics designed for the new state employee from the private sector. It contains information on competitive bidding, purchasing limits, delegated authority, contracts, and purchasing ethics. The target audience is new state employees, persons who supervise purchasing activities, and employees charged with purchasing for their agency, regardless of their job title.

There is no cost to attend these seminars. Please call our office at (208)-327-7465 or register online at: <http://www.adm.idaho.gov/purchasing/training.htm>

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Congratulations to Melissa Carleton, promoted to Fiscal Unit Lead with the State Board of Education.

Al Smith, promoted to Buyer at Central District Health.

Sincere apologies if I have missed someone. Please keep me informed of promotions, moves and changes so that we can share this information with others. It is always helpful to know who the contacts are within the agencies.

REPORTING SICOMM SOFTWARE ISSUES

When you are reporting a problem or request assistance for Sicomm please call or email me first. Bonnie.Sletten@adm.idaho.gov or 208-332-1606.

As the Sicomm System Administrator I am here to help, in order to assist in the tracking and documentation of reported software issues, please follow this process to report technical issues or request technical assistance:

If you send an email, please include the document #s you have (PREQ, REQ, RFQ, POs, etc) and the steps you took (as detailed as possible) that generated the problem. This information is very important in helping us to diagnose/ troubleshoot the problem. If I am unable to resolve the issue I will forward this on to Sicomm.

SENATE RESOLUTION DECLARES JUNE, NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

The United States Senate has passed a resolution declaring June as National Safety Month.

Safe Homes and Safe Communities: Living Better, in All Aspects of Life

Americans tend to feel safer at home than they do at work, according to a recent National Safety Council survey. But in reality, more than half of all injury-related deaths and 75 percent of all disabling injuries occur in our homes and communities. Since 1992, the death rate from injuries in home and community settings increased 30 percent, largely driven by unintentional poisonings and falls. Simple preventive measures can improve home and community safety. Proper lighting, working smoke detectors, stairway handrails, bathroom grab bars and careful reading of over-the-counter and prescription medication labels can mean the difference between life and death.

QUIPS & QUOTES OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Nothing in this world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent. The slogan "Press On" has solved and always will solve the problems of the human race.

President Calvin Coolidge

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